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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Nicholas NECHITAILO
**OPTICAL FIBER CABLE WITH PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR
OPTICAL FIBER RIBBON STACK**
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref. A7964

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 17/1 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and three (3) sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>32</u> - 20	=	<u>12</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$216.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u> </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$740.00</u>

TOTAL FEE

\$956.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$956.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

There is no claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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